

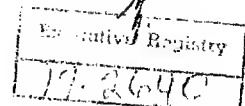
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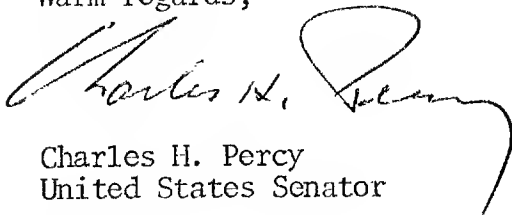
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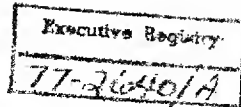
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Dear Senator Percy:

I wish to thank you for your letter of 12 October and the account of your conversation with Mr. Sergey Chetverikov, Counselor of the Soviet Embassy. I have referred it to the appropriate officials within the Agency.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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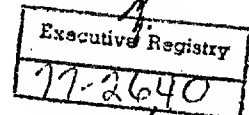
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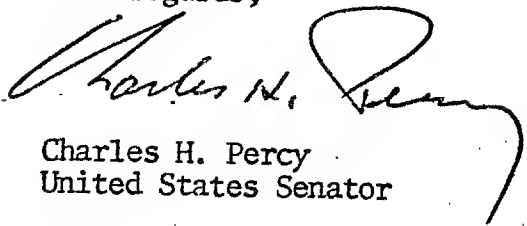
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